Kingdom Principles from our CEO

**Mark 10:32-45**

As followers of Christ, let’s not settle for longing to return to what was the ‘norm’. Rather, let’s pray and anticipate a new and even better norm! Matt. 22:37

3 Principles to becoming ‘great’ kingdom citizens, taught and modelled by Jesus:

**1. Trust wholeheartedly in God’s sovereignty** (10:32-34)

- ‘Wholeheartedly’ – meaning what we ‘know’ and believe about God will be reflected in both our attitudes and actions

- Result – others will notice leading to gospel conversations

*Through the power of the Holy Spirit let’s close the ‘gap’ between what we claim to know and believe with what our attitudes and actions reflect.*

**2. Daily deny yourself** (10:35-41)

-‘Greatness’ in the kingdom of God comes through humility, suffering and self-sacrifice

-Self-centredness – is the biggest obstacle to becoming a great kingdom citizen (Mark 8:34)

-we need to have the ‘same mindset as Christ’ (Phil. 2:5-8)

*“Self-seeking ambition has no place in the church founded on the ultimate self-giving sacrifice of Jesus Christ.”*

**3. Willingly serve others** (10:42-45)

-“Not so with you” (vs. 43) – as the bride of Christ we are to lead differently than the world

-“Instead” (vs. 43) – to be ‘great’=serve; to be ‘first’=be the slave of all

-“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served… (vs. 45) – Jesus wholeheartedly trusted his Father’s will, he denied himself and willingly served others.

*Let’s follow his example, apply these principles and become great kingdom citizens.*

***“We have been blessed by his leadership”***